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APP2019501168

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Taylor Scott
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Dear Taylor Scott:

RE: COW2017001112

You appealed the action of the National Records Center regarding your request for access to records pertaining to , dated September 4, 2019.

The determination of the National Records Center was to withhold 24 pages in part.

After careful consideration of your appeal, and as a result of discussions with the National Records Center, I have decided to release 13 additional pages to you, copies of which are enclosed. I am releasing 2 pages in part and 11 in full. Information has been redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA.

On the remaining pages, I found that the National Records Center properly withheld certain information that is protected from disclosure. This information is not appropriate for discretionary release.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

If you are dissatisfied with our action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan D. Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" and last name "Hughes" clearly distinguishable.

Alan D. Hughes, Associate Counsel
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Enclosure(s)